

Paragraph on line 32 of page 3, ending on line 2 of page 4, has been amended as follows:

--~~It is an object of the The present inventions to provide an improved system for sealing a space in a wellbore formed in an earth formation, which overcomes the drawbacks of the prior art.~~--

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Paragraph on line ³~~2~~ of page 4 has been amended as follows:

--In accordance with one embodiment of the invention there is provided a system for sealing a space in a wellbore formed in an earth formation, comprising a swelleable body arranged in the wellbore in a manner so as to seal said space upon swelling of the swelleable body, the swelleable body ~~including comprising~~ a matrix material provided with a compound soluble in said formation water, wherein the matrix material substantially prevents or restricts migration of the compound out of the swelleable body and allows migration of said formation water into the swelleable body by osmosis so as to induce swelling of the swelleable body upon migration of said formation water into the swelleable body.--

Paragraph on line 18 of page 4 has been amended as follows:

--~~Some of the embodiments of the~~ The invention also relates to a method of sealing a space in a wellbore formed in an earth formation, the method comprising arranging a swelleable body in the wellbore in a manner so as to seal said space upon swelling of the swelleable body, the swelleable body being susceptible ~~to~~ of being in contact with formation water flowing into the wellbore, the swelleable body comprising ~~including~~ a matrix material provided with a compound soluble in said formation water, wherein the matrix material substantially prevents or restricts migration of the compound out of the swelleable body and allows migration of said formation water into the swelleable body by osmosis so as to induce swelling of the swelleable body upon migration of said formation water into the swelleable body.--

On page 5, delete line 1-33.

On page 6, delete line 1-33.